

COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMAIO

FIFTH DISTRICT

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

April 29, 2009

TO:

Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer

FROM:

Councilmember Carl DeMaio Cullumaio

RE:

Enterprise Fund Personnel Updates

As you may recall, the City of San Diego has a history of raiding its enterprise funds to cover its General Fund deficit. This has occurred primarily through internal charges for various support services and through the transfer of staff from the General Fund to Enterprise Funds. I am pleased that under Mayor Sanders' leadership, there has been a marked shift in this practice and positive reforms to bolster the integrity of taxpayer monies in Enterprise Funds.

The recently approved labor contracts provided \$30 million in General Fund savings, and an additional approximate savings of \$11 million to Enterprise Funds. During labor negotiations, it was reported that one labor union requested that a portion of the savings from Enterprise Fund cost reductions be used to the benefit of General Fund employees.

It is my understanding that City management has rejected that request. However, in an abundance of caution, my office intends to monitor this issue closely to prevent any abuse of ratepayer monies in the City's Enterprise Funds.

As such, I write to respectfully request that no later than June 2009, the Personnel Department provide a list of any individual employee transfers from the General Fund to other funds, such as Enterprise Funds.

The report should include all transfers to date in FY 2009. Specifically, please include the position title, name of employee, and annual salary for each individual transferred – both before and after the transfer. Further, I request that my office continue to receive such reports on a monthly basis thereafter until the close of FY 2010.

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Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns regarding this request.

CC: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders
Honorable City Councilmembers
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
Hadi Dehghani, Personnel Director